

Press Release

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CC: Governor's Office
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Re: May meeting of the Authority Board of Directors

Board Funds 7 Manufacturing Network Partnerships for 10 Field Engineers Based Throughout Arkansas

The Board of Directors for the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority released \$983,600 for funding Manufacturing Extension Network (Network) partnerships with six state-based universities and colleges, and Winrock International.

A total of 10 Network field engineers are based at six campuses, including the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Westark College, Arkansas State University, Southern Arkansas University Tech and Henderson State University. The funding will support the Network field staff from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

The partnerships are as follows:

1. Two field staff positions at the Arkansas Center for Technology Transfer, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in an amount not to exceed \$196,000;
2. Two field staff positions at the Business and Industrial Institute, Westark College, in an amount not to exceed \$196,000.
3. Two field staff positions at the College of Science & Engineering Technology/Graduate Institute of Technology, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, in an amount not to exceed \$196,000;

4. One field staff position at the Center for Economic Development/College of Engineering, Arkansas State University in an amount not to exceed \$98,900;
5. One field staff position at the Center for Competitive Manufacturing, Southern Arkansas University Tech, in an amount not to exceed \$98,900;
6. One field staff position at the Center for Economic Development, Henderson State University, in an amount not to exceed \$98,900;
7. One field staff position at Winrock International, in an amount not to exceed \$98,900;

The Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network (Network) is designed to improve Arkansas' manufacturing and industrial competitiveness through the delivery of comprehensive technical and business assistance services. Network services include technical and feasibility assessments, cost/benefit analysis, training, technology implementation, information transfer and resource partnering through on-site consultations at industrial facilities

<http://www.state.ar.us/asta/network.html>

The Arkansas Science & Technology Authority serves as a statewide funding resource for high quality scientific and technological projects. The Authority endeavors to bring the benefits of science and technology to the people and state of Arkansas through scientific research, technology development, business innovation, and education.

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